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Gist congratulates Hope Valley Elementary School and Park Elementary School for winning national “Blue Ribbon” award

Today, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized two Rhode Island schools as 2011 National Blue Ribbon Schools. The Hope Valley Elementary School won in the High Performing category, and Park Elementary School in Warwick won in the Improving School category.

This is a significant achievement, as only 305 schools were recognized nationwide. “This is a great honor for Hope Valley and Park, and I am proud to offer them my congratulations,” said Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. “I would like to recognize Mr. Giuseppe Gencarelli, Principal of Hope Valley, and Mr. Barry Ricci, Superintendent of the Chariho district, as well as Ms. Marilyn Feeney, Principal of Park, and Dr. Peter Horoschak, Superintendent of the Warwick district, for this accomplishment. We know that to achieve such success takes the combined efforts of all the administrators, teachers, parents, and students. Congratulations to both of these communities!”

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